



Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

May 18, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Patricia Ayers, Anthony Brazen, Helena Carter, Robert Daniels, Devon Manning, Jim Martin, George Meldrum, and Susan Phillips

Members Excused: Andrea Guest and Patricia Hill

Members Absent: Jack Akester, Thomas Hall, Janice Jolly, and Joanna Rieger

Associate Members Present: James Lark, Bruce Lorenz, John McKenna, and Charles Sygowski

Associate Members Excused: Lynn Fahey

Associate Members Absent: Florence Alberque, Lisa Furber, Dan Hoeftman, and Edie McCole

Interested Parties Present: Mike Barbieri, Barbara Bell, Elizabeth Booth, Mary Beth Cichocki, David Grubb, Bryce Hewlett, Willard Houser, William Mason, Felicia Risick, Joshua Thomas-Acker, and Norm Vetter

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:03am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		Minutes were approved for November and January. March minutes were not available.
Chairman's Report	Chairman Jim Martin wants to have the GAC member's list updated. Chairman Martin asked Mike Barbieri for assistance in getting a meeting with Cabinet Secretary Kara Odom Walker.	

Chairman Martin wants to find out what Cabinet Secretary Kara Odom Walker's vision is for the GAC. Chairman Martin attended a panel presentation, at which Dr. Gerard Gallucci and former Cabinet Secretary Rita Landgraf were participating members. The panel discussed people in the community struggling with behavioral health issues. Chairman Martin thanked Greg Valentine for helping Dorothy G. who shared her problems and struggles with seeking services at the last GAC meeting.

Chairman Martin reported that Lynn Fahey and Bruce Lorenz are the nominating committee members. The GAC needs a Vice-chair who will also attend the DPC Advisory Committee meetings. Patricia Hill mentioned she would like to be considered for Vice-Chairman. Chairman Martin reported that the GAC will be adding a By-laws Committee and Liz Booth will serve as the Chair.

Chairman Martin has been in touch with the Department of Public Health and shared the desire to present a united front. Chairman Martin is interested in what their priorities and concerns are and how they align with substance abuse disorders.

Chairman Martin introduced David G., who conducts outreach for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH). David was a pioneer in implementation of three-quarter houses. Three-Quarter houses are sober-living houses or communities which allow more freedoms than a halfway house. David reports in the last 8-9 years that the total of three-quarter houses have increased from 6-7 to about 70-80. David spoke on his efforts in helping people get off the streets. He feels his own

	<p>struggles with homelessness and addiction help him to relate to those having some of the same issues. He noted he does not share his story until someone tells him “you don’t know what it’s like”. David gets great satisfaction from helping the homeless.</p> <p>Chairman Martin introduced Mary Beth Cichocki. Mary Beth reported legislative treatment of Addiction Parity Bill, HB 41 passed. Mary Beth reported HB 91 passed which in essence provides a monitoring system for physicians providing opioids. Mary Beth reported that HB 100 also passed. HB 100 supports individuals by ensuring persons with public and private insurance have the ability to insist they receive substance abuse coverage to which they are entitled by law and their insurance plan. It enables an individual to contact the DOJ to get an attorney to fight an insurance company.</p>	
Director’s Report	<p>Director Mike Barbieri reported DSAMH is still waiting on a budget, but it seems there will not be any services affected but there will be cuts on the administration side. There has been a reduction in the backlog of ACT services. Director Mike Barbieri will be meeting with providers to discuss a value-based payment system. Director Mike Barbieri thinks there needs to be integrated services that encompasses all the issues a person may face.</p>	

Standing Committee Reports:		
DPC Advisory Committee	Norm Vetter reported on the goals that were discussed at DPC's advisory committee meeting on May 10 th . The goals discussed were improving safety, increasing and retaining staff, improving treatment, and the speed and efficiency of admissions and discharges. The average length of stay for DPC's 1 st quarter was 106-130days. Census for the 1 st quarter was 113. Norm reported when he became DPC Director, staffing was down 40%, now DPC has 22% vacancies.	
Children's Committee	Helena Carter reported the Children's Department has a RFP out for the Summer and After-School program for 2017-2018. PBH funding extended hours in Wilmington for Safe Haven locations. PBH and YRS are being trained in an SA program, Seven Challenges, to be implemented in Ferris School. Seven Challenges is a comprehensive counseling program for young people that incorporates work on alcohol and other drug problems. Prevention is having success with implementing a wraparound approach in their care management/treatment. The wraparound model is where the child and family work directly with a team of professional and members of the family's community.	
Employment Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Membership Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Community Services	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	

Committee	Emily Vera would like to chair this committee.	
Budget Committee	James Lark agreed to chair this committee.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Charles Sygowski mentioned a 5K walk/run called “Peace by Piece”. It is a re-think addiction event to be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Glasgow Park, Newark, DE.	
Public Comment	None	
Meeting Adjourned	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.	The committee approved the adjournment.